

# Making employment work

new ideas, best practice and practical support  
for people with learning disabilities to get a job

**Conference:**

Wednesday 8 July 09

St. John's Hotel, Solihull

West Midlands



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There is now a strong policy focus on increasing employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities. Those in work say that having a job increases their confidence and independence, gives them more money to spend on their hobbies and interests, and more opportunities to meet colleagues and friends. Valuing People Now has made getting a job for people with learning disabilities a key priority, with a cross government strategy being launched to increase the opportunities and numbers in paid work.

Valuing People Team, British Institute of Learning Disabilities (BILD) and the British Association for Supported Employment (BASE) have brought together national speakers to highlight the essential messages from government and employers, together with workshops that explore research and examples of innovative practice. This is a key moment in the drive towards increasing the number of people with learning disabilities in paid employment, especially in work of over 16 hours a week.

The key issues the conference will explore will include:

- The new government strategy on supported employment
- Delivering the Valuing People Now priorities
- Real life stories from people about how to get and keep a job
- The key messages for employers
- How people with an individual budget can access employment support
- Access to employment for people with complex needs
- Human resource issues

### Who should attend

- Supported employment organisations and those supporting others in employment
- People with learning disabilities and family carers with an interest in employment
- Local authority commissioners and managers
- People from public sector organisations seeking to meet their disability equality duty
- Human resource managers
- Schools, colleges and training providers
- Job Centre Plus, Connexions and transition workers
- Employers

**Thank you to Valuing People Team for their contribution to this event.**



## Programme

9.30	Coffee and registration
10.00	Conference opening and chair for the day Huw Davies, BASE
10.05	Our stories and experiences People from Spokes, Kidderminster
10.15	Big picture Government spokesperson
10.45	New government employment strategy Simon Whitehead, Independent Consultant
11.30	Tea and coffee
11.45	<b>Workshops – choice of 1 – 6</b>
	1 Making it work – moving from FE to employment Yola Jacobsen, NIACE and Jonathan Allen, BASE
	2 Hours project Doug Creswell, Pure Innovations, Stockport
	3 'Getting a life' and micro enterprises Jon Pitts, MiEnterprise and Tanya Kirby, Herefordshire County Council
	4 Lanarkshire evaluation project Steve Beyer, The Welsh Centre
	5 Modernising employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities in Stoke The Riverside Project
	6 Project Search UK Justin Hammond, Leicester City Council
12.45	Lunch
1.45	<b>Workshops – choice of 1 – 6 (repeat of above)</b>
2.45	Tea and coffee
3.00	How human resources can open doors Carmel Mckeogh – Blackpool City Council
3.45	Plenary
4.00	Close

*At the time of going to press this programme was deemed to be correct. However, we reserve the right to alter or cancel any part of the programme due to unforeseen circumstances.*

## Choose your workshop

Please indicate your choice of workshops at the conference. Choose two different workshops. Workshops are numbered 1 to 6 on the programme (left).

Wednesday 8 July 09 1st choice:  2nd choice:

## Delegate Fees

Book online at [www.bild.org.uk](http://www.bild.org.uk) or please photocopy and complete one form for each place.

**BILD membership no:**

If you wish to claim members discount please quote your membership number. If you do not know it or wish to become a member please contact contact Pam Mazurek T: 01562 723010.

**Free places – there will be a number of 'free places' for people with learning disabilities and their family carers to attend this conference. Please contact Will Nicklin T: 01562 723025**

	Total
<b>Members</b> £150.00 + VAT	<input type="text"/>
<b>Non members</b> £185.00 + VAT	<input type="text"/>
<b>Discounted fee*</b> £50.00 + VAT	<input type="text"/>
<b>Grand total</b> <b>inclusive of VAT (15%)</b>	<input type="text"/>

### Terms and Conditions

Price includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day and a comprehensive delegate pack.

### \*Discounted fee

Person with a learning disability or ASD; family carer or enabler; unwaged; small voluntary organisation (i.e. an organisation working in the learning disability field with no more than five paid members of staff).

### Cancellations

Cancellations must be made in writing and the following charges will apply:

1 month prior	<b>£25.00</b>
1 month - 1 week prior	<b>Half fee</b>
1 week or less	<b>Full fee</b>

The cancellation charge will be enforced but we are happy to accept substitute delegates.

**NB** If you require an overnight stay please contact us and we can provide details of local hotels.

# Booking form

Send your completed booking form to:  
**Will Nicklin, BILD, Champion House, Green Street,  
Kidderminster, Worcestershire DY10 1JL**  
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**E-mail: [learning@bild.org.uk](mailto:learning@bild.org.uk)**

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr/Prof)

First name

Surname

Organisation

Address (for correspondence)

Tel no:

Fax no:

Delegate e-mail:

Additional needs (inc. dietary/access/communication)

## Please debit my credit card

Mastercard  Maestro  Visa  Eurocard  Delta

Card no

Security no    (3 digits on back of card)

Expiry date     Issue no   (Maestro only)

## I enclose a cheque

All cheques should be made payable to BILD

## Please invoice

Include invoice address if different from above

## How did you hear about the conference?

direct mail  word of mouth  website

other

Can we use your details to send you other information  
on BILD and BASE services?  YES  NO

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